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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Robert J. Chambers et al. : EXAMINER: Rita J. Desai

SERIAL NO.: 10/613,988 : ART UNIT: 1625

FILED: July 02, 2003

FOR: Nicotinamide Biaryl Derivatives Useful as Inhibitors of PDE4 Isozymes

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)

This paper is being filed in response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed February 02, 2005 in the subject patent application. As this petition is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment, this petition is being timely filed.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the subject application, since the subject application was never abandoned.

The Notice of Abandonment states that the subject application is abandoned for failure of Applicants' to timely pay the required issue and publication fee. The Notice further states that the issue fee and publication fee were not received. Applicants' respectfully submit that the issue fee was received by the USPTO and, therefore, that the subject application is not, in fact, abandoned.

The USPTO issued a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in the subject application on September 17, 2004. The issue fee was therefore due on December 17, 2004.

In response to that Notice, Applicants mailed Form PTOL-85 authorizing the USPTO to charge Deposit Account Number 16-1445 in the amount of \$1630.00, which is the sum of the issue fee (\$1330.00) and the publication fee (\$300.00) owed in the subject application. The Form was accompanied by the "Fee Address" Indication Form. Both were mailed, together with a postcard documenting the issue fee transmittal and the transmittal of the Fee Address Indication Form, on December 7, 2004. The postcard was stamped by the USPTO mailroom on December 13, 2004.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of Form PTOL-85, the Fee Address Indication Form, and the stamped postcard. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that, since the

USPTO clearly received the issue fee payment form, the subject application was not abandoned. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the subject application.

Applicants respectfully request prompt issuance of the patent.

Dated: February 25, 2004

Pfizer Inc. Patent Department Eastern Point Road Groton, CT 06340 (860) 441-5910 Respectfully submitted,

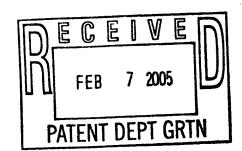
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